

Beaufort County School District

2900 Mink Point Blvd

Beaufort, SC 29902



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades: PK-12 District
Enrollment: 21,359 students
District Phone: 843-322-5453
District Website: <http://www.beaufort.k12.sc.us/pages/BCSD>

Superintendent: Dr. Jeffrey Moss
Board Chair: Bill Evans



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

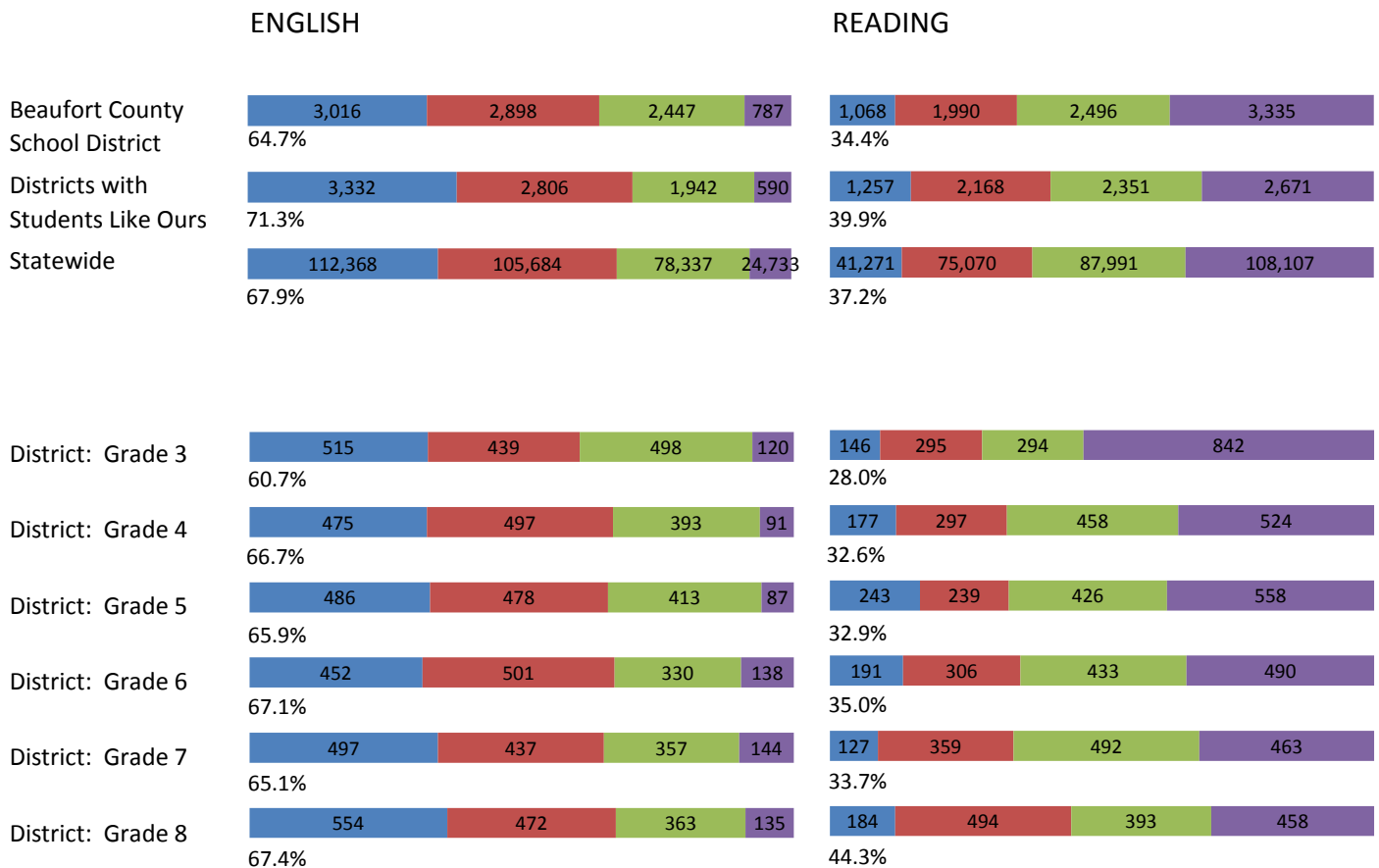
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our district is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

Dear Beaufort County School District Family: Our schools continue to make dramatic progress, with solid improvements in student achievement and significant savings from more efficient operations. Boosted by steadily improving student test scores and on-time high school graduation rates, the district earned its second-straight Good rating on its annual 2014 report card issued by the South Carolina Department of Education. That's a dramatic improvement from the district's rating of Below Average five years ago. In addition, the number of district schools rated Good or Excellent increased to 21, up dramatically from seven schools rated Good or Excellent five years ago. In separate federal accountability reports, 93 percent of our schools met the federal standard with grades of A-C, and the district as a whole earned a B. The district's on-time high school graduation rate – the percentage of students who earn a diploma "on time" in four years – improved to 78.3, up from 75.3 last year and 69.1 five years ago. The graduating Class of 2015 earned a record \$30 million in college scholarships, a dramatic increase from \$11.1 million only five years ago. Ninety-four percent of our middle and high school student athletes maintained their academic eligibility to participate in interscholastic sports under a new district academic requirement that athletes meet a 2.0 minimum grade point average. The average GPA district-wide for middle school athletes was 3.37. For high school athletes, it was 3.58. Red Cedar Elementary was named a 2015 Palmetto's Finest School, the district's fourth Palmetto's Finest winner in just four years. Okatie Elementary won in 2014, and Beaufort Middle and Hilton Head Island High School won in 2012, making Beaufort one of only four South Carolina districts to have had two winners in the same year. Our "Connect2Learn" 1-to-1 computer technology initiative is putting personal mobile devices in the hands of all students in grades 3-12. In addition, we opened one new PreK-8 school in the fast-growing Bluffton community and are building a new high school scheduled to open in August 2016. More than 1,800 students took advantage of our district's expanded school choice program when their applications into academic choice programs were approved, allowing them to attend schools outside their zoned attendance areas. Our choice program frees students from the old "one-size-fits-all" model of education and offers ways to learn that are customized to their personal talents and interests. We also continue to see significant savings from smart financial decisions in recent years, as well as from the installation of cutting-edge technology that conserves electrical power and water. Through the hard work and creativity of our students, parents and educators, and with strong support from our community, we are confident that the district's recent academic improvements will continue. Jeffrey Moss, Ed.D, Superintendent

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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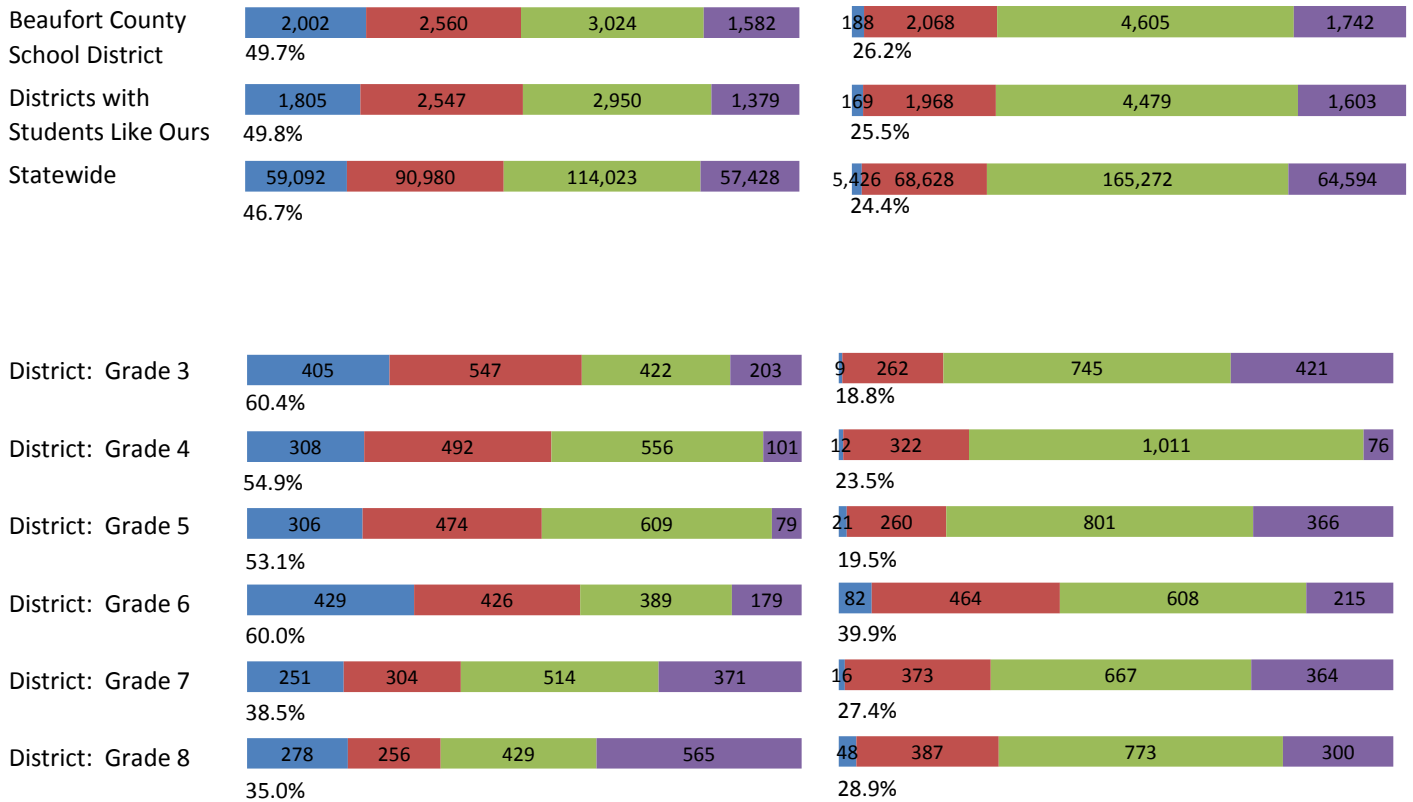
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KNOWLEDGE**MATHEMATICS****WRITING**

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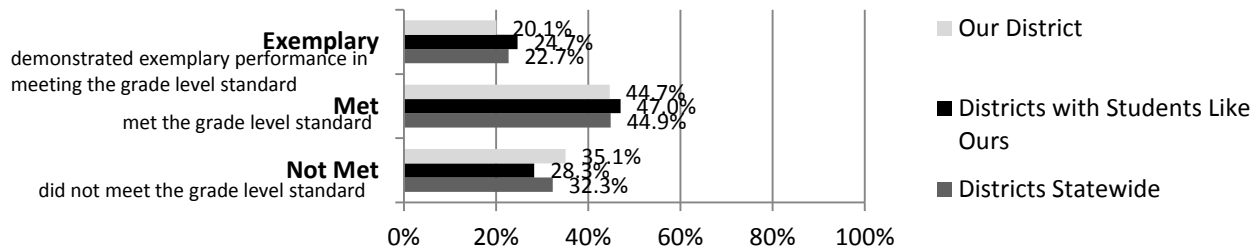
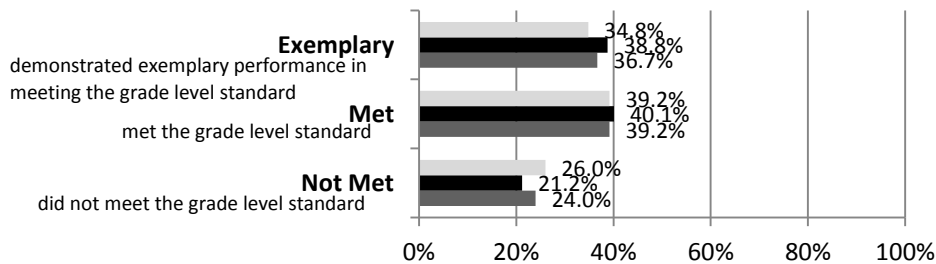
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science**Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
69.4	65.0	62.7	66.6	61.5

Social Studies SCPASS

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
85.3	69.3	78.0	65.1	72.9

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	"Exemplary" : student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" : student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" : student did not meet the grade level standard.

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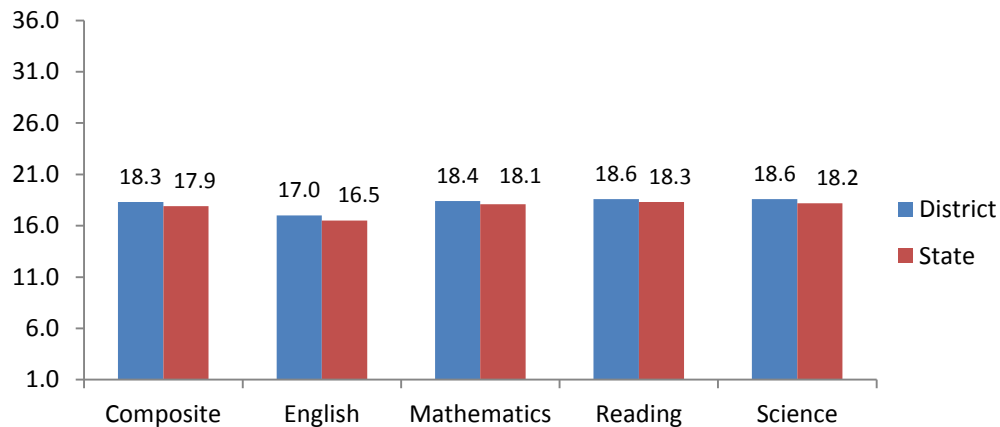
KNOWLEDGE**End of Course Tests**

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our District	Districts with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	81.0	88.4	85.7
English 1	73.7	80.5	75.1
Biology 1	81.1	81.8	77.8
US History and the Constitution	71.5	72.8	69.1
All Subjects	77.0	81.2	77.3

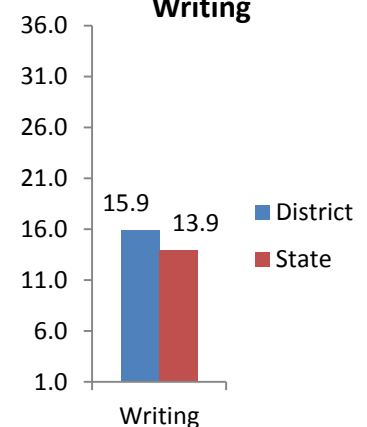
Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the district.

The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing



Percent of Students in District Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015

English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
43.3	24.8	29.1	22	14

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

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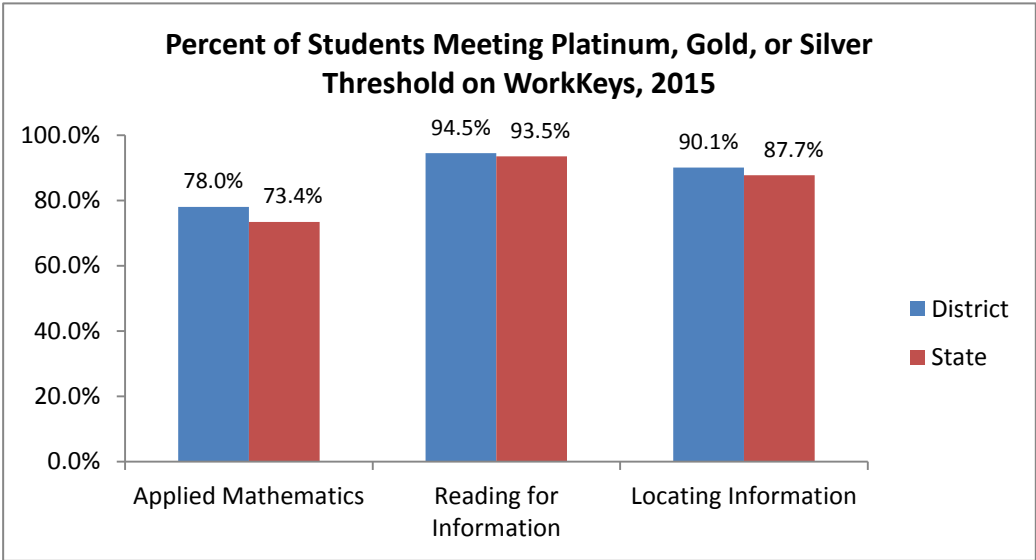
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ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.



District SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
68.2	479	484	464	1427

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

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OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

District Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
78.7	78.3	75.3	75.1

District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
80.0	76.3	78.3	72.1

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	
District	State
36.4	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014	
District	State
68.8	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
Students (n = 21,359)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	60.6	Down from 68.5%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.5	Down from 96.7%	95.2
With disabilities	9.1	Down from 9.3%	11.8
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5	Down from 1.6%	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	18.4	Down from 18.6%	18.1
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	43.0	Down from 45.4%	26.3
Successful in AP/IB programs	52.8	Up from 51.0%	53.6
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.8	N/A	1.2
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	-18.0
Students participating in work-based experiences	1.0	N/A	9.9
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	667	N/A	744
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	87.1	N/A	91.5
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	315	Up from 170	322
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	97.5	N/A	97.8
Annual dropout rate	2.1	Down from 3.8%	2.3
Dropout recovery rate	2.5	N/A	4.4
Percentage of students retained	2.3	Down from 2.4%	1.5
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	566	Down from 729	177
Completed adult education GED or diploma program	39	Down from 118	35
Teachers (n = 1,503)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	63.4	Up from 63.0%	63.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	67.2	Up from 62.4%	81.4
Teachers returning from previous year	87.9	Down from 88.3%	91.0
Teacher attendance rate	93.3	Down from 94.8%	95.2
Average teacher salary*	\$49,891	Down 0.0%	\$49,082
Professional development days / teacher	N/A	N/A	N/AV
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	N/A
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	11.0	No change	3.0
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.9	N/A	0.7

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
District			
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.5
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.6 to 1	Up from 22.4 to 1	23.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.1	Down from 89.6%	89.1
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Excellent
Number of schools with AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	27	Down from 28	N/A
Parents attending conferences	98.7	Down from 100.0%	100.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Number of schools with classroom wireless access	26.0	N/C	N/A
Do any schools plan to implement one-to-one computing	Yes	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
Do any schools offer online or blended (50% online) courses	Yes	N/C	N/A
Dual enrollment courses offered	41	N/A	25
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,600	Down 1.2%	\$8,924
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.6	Up from 53.2%	55.6
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	56.5	Down from 57.2%	58.0
Average administrator salary	\$85,831	Up 1.8%	\$83,473

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of District

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Good	Below Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Average	Good

Based on state law, districts will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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